

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 10 and 26 as follows:

Claims 1-9 (Cancelled).

Claim 10 (Currently Amended) A process for producing a colored, oriented strand board comprising:

contacting ~~the~~ wood strands which serve as a base material for at least one of ~~the~~ three layers of ~~the~~ said oriented strand board with a liquid colorant preparation which comprises at least one pigment and at least one dye;

resinating and forming said wood strands into a three-layered mat comprising a center layer and two outside layers, wherein said wood strands of said center and outside layers are oriented in a cross-directional fashion; and

hot-pressing said three-layered mat into said colored, oriented strand board ~~comprising a center layer and two outside layers, wherein said wood strands serve as a base material for said colored, oriented strand board.~~

Claim 11 (Previously Presented) The process of claim 10, wherein said contacting occurs before said wood strands are dried.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented) The process of claim 10, wherein said contacting occurs after said wood strands are dried.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented) The process of claim 10, wherein said hot-pressing is conducted at a temperature of from 180 to 230°C.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented) The process of claim 10, wherein said wood strands are continually colored by spraying or dipping into a colorant solution or a dispersion.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented) The process of claim 10, wherein said liquid colorant preparation comprises from 0.5% to 10% by weight of said dye based on said pigment.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented) The process of claim 10, wherein only one outside layer is colored in said colored, oriented strand board.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented) The process of claim 10, wherein only both outside layers are colored in said colored, oriented strand board.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented) The process of claim 10, wherein only said center layer is colored in said colored, oriented strand board.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented) The process of claim 10, wherein both outside layers and said center layer are colored in said colored, oriented strand board.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented) The process of claim 10, wherein when at least two layers are colored in said colored, oriented strand board, said layers have different hues.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented) The process of claim 10, wherein when at least two layers are colored in said colored, oriented strand board, said layers have the same hue.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented) The process of claim 10, wherein said colorant preparation comprises:

- (a) from 10% to 70% by weight of at least one pigment,
- (b) from 0.05% to 7% by weight of at least one dye,
- (c) from 1 to 50% by weight of at least one dispersant,
- (d) from 10% to 88.95% by weight of water or of a mixture of water and at least one water retainer, and
- (e) from 0% to 5% by weight of further customary constituents for colorant preparations.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented) The process of claim 22, wherein component (b) comprises at least one anionic or cationic dye.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented) The process of claim 22, wherein component (c) comprises at least one nonionic surface-active additive, at least one anionic surface-active additive, or a mixture thereof.

Claim 25 (Previously Presented) The process of claim 22, wherein said water retainer comprises a high-boiling organic solvent which is soluble in or miscible with water.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended) An oriented strand board colored with a colorant preparation which comprises at least one pigment and, based on the pigment, from 0.5% to 10% by weight of at least one dye, wherein said oriented strand board comprises layered wood strands that are oriented in a cross-directional fashion.